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Amendments To the Claims:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A method for providing resources in a communication network having communication components which use resources in the network and/or which provide resources in the network for use, the method comprising:

providing the resources by a service to the communication network via a software running on the a communication componentscomponent, the communication component running the software includes a hardware resource required for use by the software in order to provide the servicewherein:

establishing a connection from a second communication component to the communication component providing the service to the communication network;

the software has access to the hardware of the communication components;

checking the second communication component for the existence of the hardware resource; and

checking by a service, upon use of a resource of a first communication component by a second communication component, whether the second communication component can also provide the resource; and

initiating the transfertransferring a copy of the software from the first communication component running the software to the second communication component and providing the resource for use if the result of the checking is positive in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware resource.

11. (cancelled).

12. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein <u>after a time period</u> <u>that the service is not used in the second communication component,</u> the software ~~for resources~~ ~~which are used rarely or not at all~~ is <u>automatically</u> ~~deactivated or~~ uninstalled ~~and is reactivated or~~ ~~reinstalled when needed again.~~

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, ~~wherein the step initiating~~ ~~the transfer of the software depends on authorization and/or a limit.~~<u>further comprises checking</u> <u>that a license is available for the software,</u>
<u>wherein the copy is transferred in response to the positive check for the existence of the</u> <u>hardware and a positive check for the available license.</u>

15-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, <u>further comprises checking</u> <u>by the communication component running the software to determine if the second</u> <u>communication component is authorized to receive the copy,</u>
<u>wherein the copy is transferred in response to the positive check for the existence of the</u> <u>hardware, the positive check for the available license, and a positive check for the</u> <u>authorization</u>~~wherein the authorizations are provided by the user of the communication~~ ~~component which transfers the software and/or by the user of the communication component~~ ~~which receives the software.~~

19-24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18,
<u>further comprises running the software on the second communication component in</u> <u>response to transferring the software,</u>

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wherein the ~~service formed by a~~ software running on the second communication

component includes information of a release of the software. ~~with a first release compares the~~

~~release~~

wherein ~~upon~~ after finding a second software running on a third communication

component, the second software providing the service and including a release of the software, the

release of the software on the second communication component is compared with the release of

the second software, and

wherein a copy of the second software is transferred in response to the comparison

indicating that the release of the second software is ~~of the same type which is formed by a~~

~~software with a second release and, if the releases are different, initiates the transfer of the~~

~~software with the~~ more up-to-date than the software on the second ~~release to the~~ communication

component ~~having the software with the earlier release and uses the transferred software to~~

~~update the software with the earlier release~~ there.

26. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~10~~30, wherein the checking ~~by~~

~~the service~~ for a more-up-to date release is automatically performed by the second

communication component at regular intervals of time ~~and/or whenever a resource is used and/or~~

~~after manual activation.~~

27. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~11~~30, wherein the checking ~~by~~

~~the service~~ for a more-up-to date release is automatically performed by the second

communication component ~~at regular intervals of time and/or whenever a resource is used and/or~~

after ~~manual~~ an activation of the service on the second communication component.

28-29. (cancelled)

30. (new) The method as claimed in claim 25, further comprising:

checking the second communication component for the existence of a hardware

component required by the second software;

checking that a license is available for the second software; and

checking by the communication component using the second software to determine if the

second communication component is authorized to receive the copy,

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wherein the copy of the second software is transferred in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, a positive check for the available license, and a positive check for the authorization.

31. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprises:

initiating by the second communication component a search for the communication component providing the service; and

locating the communication component providing the service,

wherein the connection is established in response to locating the communication component.

32. (new) A method for transferring a software that provides a service in a communication network, the method comprising:

initiating a search for a communication component providing the service by running the software, the search initiated by a second communication component, the software requires a hardware resource in order to run the software and to provide the service, thereby the communication component running the software includes the hardware resource;

locating the communication component providing service;

establishing a connection from the second communication component to the communication component providing the service in response to locating the communication component;

providing by the communication component providing the service, an information identifying the hardware resource required for use by the software;

checking the second communication component for the existence of the hardware component;

checking by the communication component using the software to determine if the second communication component is authorized to receive a copy of the software;

transferring the copy of the software from the communication component providing the service to the second communication component in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware and a positive check for the authorization;

providing the service in the second communication component.

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33. (new) The method as claimed in claim 32, further comprises checking that a license is available for the software,

wherein the copy is transferred in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, a positive check for the authorization, and a positive check for the available license.

34. (new) The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein after a time period that the service is not used in the second communication component, the software is automatically uninstalled.

35. (new) A method for transferring a software that provides a service in a communication network, the communication having a first communication component running a first release of the software and a second communication component running a second release of the software, the method comprising:

initiating by the second communication component providing the service a search for the first communication component providing the service,

locating the first communication component providing the service;

providing by the first communication component an information identifying the hardware resource required for use by the software providing the service in the first communication component;

checking the second communication component for the existence of the hardware component;

comparing the first release to the second release;

transferring a copy of the software from the first communication component to the second communication component in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, and to the comparison indicating that the first release is more-up-to date that the second release; and

providing the updated service by the second communication component.

36. (new) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein the initiating the search for the first communication component is automatically performed by the second communication component at regular intervals of time.

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37. (new) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein the initiating the search for the first communication component is automatically performed by the second communication component after an activation of the service on the first communication component.

38. (new) The method as claimed in claim 35, further comprises checking by the first component to determine if the second communication component is authorized to receive the copy,

wherein the copy is transferred in response to the positive check for the existence of the hardware, to the comparison indicating that the first release is more-up-to date that the second release, and a positive check for the authorization.

39. (new) The method as claimed in claim 38, further comprises checking that a license is available for the software,

wherein the copy is transferred in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, to the comparison indicating that the first release is more-up-to date that the second release, the positive check for the authorization, and a positive check for the available license.